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Second Amendment

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 3 October 2002, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 12, after line 41, please insert the following paragraph from parent application 09/698,846:

-- The eTag reporters will vary depending upon the method of detection. Groups of at least 10 eTag reporters bound to 10 different binding compounds will be used in the determinations. The eTag reporters will be characterized by being cleavable from the binding compound in the same vessel by the same cleavage mechanism, having a shared characteristic that permits separation and individual detection, being compatible with the determination method and being in the molecular